

Remarks

Claim 2 has been cancelled. Claims 1, 5, and 6 are currently amended. Claims 1 and 3-6 are pending.

§ 102 Rejections

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hatton (US 6,086,795) or Higuchi et al. (US 4,983,505).

Applicant has amended the claims such that the urethane acrylate is a reaction product of poly(tetramethylene glycol), tetramethylxylene diisocyanate, and linear or branched acrylic ester.

It is believed that neither Hatton nor Higuchi et al. disclose the urethane acrylate as now claimed. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the above rejection of the claims be withdrawn.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-6 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-4, 7, and 11 of Fujii et al. (US 6,500,513).

Applicant has timely filed a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the above rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

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